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| In re Application of:             | ) |                               |
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| Ronald W. MINK et al.             | ) | Group Art Unit: 1641          |
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| Application No.: 10/076,596       | ) | Examiner: Nguyen, Bao Thuy L. |
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| Filed: February 19, 2002          | ) |                               |
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| For: COLLECTION DEVICE FOR SINGLE | ) |                               |
| STEP ASSAY OF ORAL FLUIDS         | ) |                               |

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition and fee for a three month extension of time accompanies this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.